

# **MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

## **INFORMATION SUMMARY... *for your review***

**DATE:**

July 1, 2003

**SUBJECT:**

Federal Fiscal Year 2003 MAG Federal Funds Final Closeout and Amendment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

**SUMMARY:**

As part of the FFY 2003 Interim Close Out of the MAG federally funded program, approximately \$13.4 million were recommended for a variety of FFY 2003 projects. Prior to Regional Council action on June 25, 2003, the City of Peoria requested to defer a project that was included in this recommended list of projects for additional funds. The FFY 2003 funds made available by the Peoria deferral total \$890,722. At their meeting on June 26, 2003, the Transportation Review Committee (TRC) recommended that the City of Peoria should receive \$100,000 in CMAQ funds for the design of a multi-use path underpass and the remaining \$800,000 in FFY 2003 Interim Close Out funds should go to the final design of the light rail project. As part of the recommendation for Final Close Out funds, the TRC recommended two contingency projects: the first \$400,000 in funds that become available should be used for the Maricopa County, Gilbert Road and McDowell Road project and any remaining funds should be used for final design of the light rail project. In order to allow Peoria to utilize funds for their design project, an amendment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, as shown in the attached Table, is needed to allow the design to proceed.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

An opportunity for public input and consultation was provided during the June 26, 2003 TRC meeting, but no relevant public input was received.

**PROS & CONS:**

PROS: Approval of these recommendations will allow for a new transportation design project to be funded in the MAG region and will allow contingency projects to utilize any further funds that might become available. If all MAG federal funds are obligated on time, redistributed OA may become available.

CONS: If the OA is not used by September 30, 2003, the region may not receive any redistributed OA and may lose the OA that is currently available.

**TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

TECHNICAL: Action to close out the FY 2003 MAG federally funded program is needed to ensure that all MAG federal funds are fully used in a timely and equitable manner.

POLICY: Previously adopted MAG policies on the allocation of uncommitted and redistributed federal funds to projects have been followed.

**ACTION NEEDED:**

Recommend allocating \$100,000 in FFY 2003 funds for the design of a multi-use underpass in Peoria and \$800,000 for the final design phase of the light rail project as part of the last remaining interim close out funds; Also, to recommend \$400,000 additional funds for the Maricopa County, Gilbert Road and McDowell Road project as a final close out contingency project with any remaining final close out funds going to light rail final design project, and authorizing an Amendment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for the Peoria design project.

**PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:**

Transportation Review Committee: On June 26, 2003, the TRC unanimously recommended allocating \$100,000 in FFY 2003 funds for the design of a multi-use underpass in Peoria and \$800,000 for the final design phase of the light rail project as part of the last remaining interim close out funds; Also, to recommend \$400,000 additional funds for the Maricopa County, Gilbert Road and McDowell Road project as a final close out contingency project with any remaining final close out funds going to light rail final design project.

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| * ITS Committee: Jim Book                                 |   |

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Paul Ward, MAG, (602) 254-6300

**Table 1 - Project Addition to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP Amendment 9)**  
**The listed project DOES NOT involve FTA funds or the transfer of FHWA funds to FTA**

| Project #   | Agency | Location                                 | Type of Work                           | FY   | Fund Type | Local Cost | Federal Cost | Total Cost |
|---|--------|--|--|------|-----------|------------|--------------|------------|
| <b>Add the following FFY 2003 design project:</b>     |        |  |  |      |           |            |              |            |
| PEO02-005D2   | Peoria | New River Rd: Northern Ave to Peoria Ave | Construct multi-use path and underpass | 2003 | CMAQ      | \$10,000   | \$100,000    | \$110,000  |
| <b>Total being added to the FY 2003-2007 MAG TIP:</b> |        |  |  |      |           | \$10,000   | \$100,000    | \$110,000  |

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**SUBJECT:**

Proposed Amendment and Administrative Adjustment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for Transit Projects

**SUMMARY:**

The FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was approved by the MAG Regional Council on July 24, 2002. As a result of changes in funding within the annual Federal Transportation Appropriations Bill, Valley Metro has reviewed the Federal Transit Administration Grant application that is under development and wishes to adjust the projects in the Annual Grant and in the TIP to ensure that the two programs are in conformance. As a result, Valley Metro has requested a TIP amendment that adds nine new projects and deletes four and a TIP amendment is needed to accomplish these changes. In addition, Valley Metro has requested to defer three transit projects and to change the scope of 16 others and a TIP administrative adjustment is needed to accomplish these changes. All of the proposed changes may be categorized as exempt projects or minor project revisions for which an air quality conformity analysis is not required. Consultation on the conformity assessment for the proposed changes is considered under a separate agenda item. On June 26, 2003, the Transportation Review Committee recommended a list of projects as described above. Since that time, the City of Phoenix has requested that two park-and-ride projects be removed from the list of deletions. The attached table reflects this recent change.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

No direct public input has been received on this item. Copies of the conformity assessment have been distributed for consultation purposes.

**PROS & CONS:**

PROS: If approved, this revision would enable continuation of the Section 5307 and Section 5309 grant applications to the Federal Transit Administration for FY 2003.

CONS: If not approved, the requests for Federal Transit Administration funds will be jeopardized.

**TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

TECHNICAL: The proposed amendment will add nine new projects to the FY 2003-2007 MAG TIP and delete four. Administrative adjustments are proposed for scope changes on 16 transit projects. These actions will allow the transit program to proceed.

POLICY: These changes are consistent with MAG policies for amending and adjusting the TIP.

**ACTION NEEDED:**

Recommend approving an Amendment and an Administrative Adjustment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for transit projects.

**PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:**

Transportation Review Committee: On June 26, 2003, the TRC unanimously recommended an Amendment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for transit projects.

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**Table One - FY 2003-2007 MAG TIP  
Transit Requests for Adjustment/Amendment**

**FY2003-2007 MAG TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - Transit Adjustment Requests**

| ID #        | Agency       | New FY     | Work Type | Fund Type   | Local    | Federal     | Total      | Change      |  |
|-------------|--------------|------------|-----------|---|----------|-------------|------------|-------------|--|
| DEFERRALS   |              |            |           |   |          |             |            |             |  |
| 1           | GLB04-204TR  | Gilbert    | 2004      | Advance construct park-and-ride (US-60/Val Vista)                         | Local    | 2,397,334   |            | 2,397,334   | Defer to 2004  |
| 2           | RPT03-909T   | RPTA       | 2004      | Purchase bus: < 30 foot - 1 expand (SCAT)                                 | 5307     | 13,000      | 52,000     | 65,000      | Defer to 2004  |
| 3           | SCT01-903T   | Scottsdale | 2004      | Construct transit center - Mustang  | Local    | 4,250,000   | 0          | 4,250,000   | Defer to 2004  |
| ADJUSTMENTS |              |            |           |   |          |             |            |             |  |
| 1           | GLN03-207T   | Glendale   |           | Acquire land park-and-ride  | 5307     | 150,000     | 600,000    | 750,000     | Reduce from \$3,524,045 to \$750,000   |
| 2           | PEO03-001T   | Peoria     |           | Purchase bus: < 30 foot - 2 replace                                       | 5307     | 26,000      | 104,000    | 130,000     | Reduce quantity from 3 to 2  |
| 3           | PHX02-205T   | Phoenix    |           | Install bus stop passenger improvements (TE)                              | 5307     | 297,922     | 327,078    | 625,000     | Increase federal from \$264,434 for federal "transit enhancement" requirement            |
| 4           | PHX03-912T   | Phoenix    |           | Purchase bus: 40 foot - lease/purchase payment                            | 5309     | 527,647     | 2,576,161  | 3,103,808   | Increase federal from \$1,845,317 to match appropriation                                 |
| 5           | PHX01-911T   | Phoenix    |           | Purchase bus: < 30 foot - 25 replace                                      | 5307     | 225,000     | 900,000    | 1,125,000   | Change from expand to replace  |
| 6           | PHX03-914T   | Phoenix    |           | Purchase bus: standard - 8 replace  | 5307     | 527,647     | 2,576,161  | 3,103,808   | Reduce quantity from 10 to 8   |
| 7           | PHX01-913T   | Phoenix    |           | Purchase bus: standard - 14 replace                                       | 5309     | 772,662     | 3,772,408  | 4,545,070   | Change from expand to replace and Increase federal to \$3,772,408 to match appropriation |
| 8           | PHX03-111T   | Phoenix    |           | Purchase bus: standard - 4 replace  | STP-Flex | 109,440     | 1,810,560  | 1,920,000   | Change quantity from 4 to 6 and increase   |
| 9           | PHX03-005T   | Phoenix    |           | Design and construct upgrades - north and south                           | 5307     | 437,200     | 1,748,800  | 2,186,000   | Increase \$1,166,000   |
| 10          | PHX01-916TB  | Phoenix    |           | Purchase bus: commuter - 7 expand   | 5307     | 476,000     | 2,324,000  | 2,800,000   | Reduce quantity from 9 to 7  |
| 11          | RPT03-110T   | RPTA       |           | Purchase vanpools: 50 replace   | STP-Flex | 0           | 1,341,918  | 1,341,918   | Add 10 from 5307 RPT03-037T  |
| 12          | RPT03-109T   | RPTA       |           | Purchase bus: < 30 foot - 18 replace (EVDAR)                              | 5307     | 252,000     | 1,008,000  | 1,260,000   | Defer 17 of 35 to FY2004   |
| 13          | RPT03-901T   | RPTA       |           | Associated capital maintenance - FR operations                            | 5307     | 62,860      | 251,440    | 314,300     | Add \$92,600 from SCT03-907T   |
| 14          | RPT03-906T   | RPTA       |           | Capital cost of contracting - fixed route                                 | 5307     | 64,280      | 257,120    | 321,400     | Add \$85,000 from SCT03-908T   |
| 15          | RPT02-103T   | RPTA       |           | Predesign/aquire land - regional heavy maintenance facility               | 5309     | 258,216     | 1,032,862  | 1,291,078   | Combine with RPT03-301T and adjust to match federal appropriation                        |
| 16          | TMP99-902T   | Tempe      |           | Design and construct alternative fuel station                             | 5307     | 541,783     | 2,167,133  | 2,708,916   | Increase \$1,608,916   |
| DELETIONS   |              |            |           |   |          |             |            |             |  |
| 1           | PHX03-206TRX | Phoenix    |           | Repayment of advance pre-design regional park-and-ride (I-17/Peoria)      | Local    | -131,127    | 131,127    | 0           | To be reprogrammed in 2006   |
| 2           | RPT03-037T   | RPTA       |           | Purchase vanpools: 10 replace   | 5307     | 54,000      | 216,000    | 270,000     | Move to STP  |
| 3           | RPT03-202T   | RPTA       |           | Land/design - East Valley Operotions facility                             | 5309     | 951,600     | 3,806,400  | 4,758,000   | Replace with new "Tempe/Scottsdale" project  |
| 4           | RPT03-302TR  | RPTA       |           | Fixed guideway corridor - acquire land                                    | 5309     | 55,838,596  | 0          | 55,838,596  | Replace with new project under Valley Metro Rail   |
| 5           | RPT03-303TR  | RPTA       |           | Fixed guideway corridor - construction                                    | 5309     | 124,103,270 | 0          | 124,103,270 | Replace with new project under Valley Metro Rail   |
| 6           | RPT03-304T   | RPTA       |           | Fixed guideway corridor - engineering and design/administration           | 5309     | 24,955,145  | 11,802,989 | 36,758,134  | Replace with new project under Valley Metro Rail   |
| 7           | SCT03-907T   | Scottsdale |           | Associated capital maintenance - FR operations                            | 5307     | 18,520      | 74,080     | 92,600      | Move to RPTA (\$92,600 total, \$74,080 Federal)  |
| 8           | SCT03-908T   | Scottsdale |           | Capital cost of contracting   | 5307     | 17,000      | 68,000     | 85,000      | Move to RPTA (\$85,000 total, \$68,000 Federal)  |
| 9           | TMP02-912T   | Tempe      |           | Install bus stop passenger improvements                                   | 5307     | 40,000      | 160,000    | 200,000     | Deleted  |
| ADDITIONS   |              |            |           |   |          |             |            |             |  |
| 1           | NEW          | Glendale   | 2003      | Acquire Support Vehicle for Replacement                                   | 5307     | 9,600       | 38,400     | 48,000      |  |
| 2           | NEW          | Mesa       | 2003      | Repayment of Construct - Mesa Operations Facility                         | 5309     | -1,032,862  | 1,032,862  | 0           |  |
| 3           | NEW          | Phoenix    | 2003      | Computer Software (Maintenance System Software)                           | 5307     | 50,846      | 203,383    | 254,229     |  |
| 4           | NEW          | Phoenix    | 2003      | Acquire new Fareboxes - 405 buses   | 5307     | 810,000     | 3,240,000  | 4,050,000   |  |
| 5           | NEW          | Phoenix    | 2003      | Design/land - Phoenix regional West Operating facility                    | 5309     | 258,216     | 1,032,862  | 1,291,078   |  |
| 6           | NEW          | RPTA       | 2003      | Acquire new Fareboxes - 80 buses  | 5307     | 160,000     | 640,000    | 800,000     |  |
| 7           | NEW          | RPTA       | 2003      | Mid-life rebuild - Fixed Route Buses                                      | 5307     | 250,000     | 1,000,000  | 1,250,000   |  |
| 8           | NEW          | RPTA       | 2003      | Integrated Voice Recognition (IVR) System for Regional Services           | 5307     | 126,000     | 504,000    | 630,000     |  |
|             | NEW          | VM Rail    | 2003      | Fixed guideway corridor - acquire land                                    | 5309     | 55,838,596  | 0          | 55,838,596  | Replaces RPT03-302TR   |
|             | NEW          | VM Rail    | 2003      | Fixed guideway corridor - construction                                    | 5309     | 124,103,270 | 0          | 124,103,270 | Replaces RPT03-303TR   |
|             | NEW          | VM Rail    | 2003      | Fixed guideway corridor - engineering and design/administration           | 5309     | 24,955,145  | 11,802,989 | 36,758,134  | Replaces RPT03-304T  |
| 9           | NEW          | Tempe      | 2003      | Design/construct - Tempe/Scottsdale regional opeations facility (phase I) | 5309     | 258,216     | 1,032,862  | 1,291,078   | Replaces RPT03-202T  |
| 10          | NEW          | VM Rail    | 2003      | Repayment-design intermodel transfer facilities                           | 5307     | 924,395     | 3,697,582  | 4,621,977   |  |

# **MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

## **INFORMATION SUMMARY... for your review**

**DATE:**

July 1, 2003

**SUBJECT:**

Conformity Consultation

**SUMMARY:**

Valley Metro has requested an amendment and administrative adjustment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Each year, when the Transit Appropriations are released, Valley Metro reviews the Federal Transit Administration Grant Application that is under development and adjusts the projects listed in the Grant and the TIP to ensure that the two programs are in agreement. An amendment and administrative adjustment are proposed to add new projects and to incorporate several revisions to existing projects to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (see attachment). In addition, as part of the Federal FY 2003 Year End Final Closeout, an amendment is proposed to add a City of Peoria multi-use underpass design project on New River Road and to increase funding for the final design phase of the light rail project. The amendment includes new projects that may be categorized as exempt, for which a conformity determination is not required. The administrative adjustment involves minor project revisions for which a conformity determination is not required.

Since the June 26, 2003 Transportation Review Committee meeting, further review has been conducted on two City of Phoenix regional park-and-ride projects located at Interstate-10 / Elliot Road and Interstate-17 / Peoria Avenue. The City of Phoenix is requesting that these projects be removed from the list considered by the Transportation Review Committee on June 26, 2003.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

Copies of the conformity assessment have been distributed for consultation to the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, Arizona Department of Transportation, Regional Public Transportation Authority, Maricopa County Environmental Services Department, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and other interested parties including members of the public. Comments on the conformity assessment are due by July 18, 2003.

**PROS & CONS:**

PROS: Interagency consultation for the amendment notifies the planning agencies of project modifications to the TIP.

CONS: The review of conformity assessment requires additional time in the project approval process.

**TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

TECHNICAL: The amendment may not be considered until the consultation process for the conformity assessment is completed.

POLICY: Federal transportation conformity regulations require interagency consultation on development of the transportation plan, TIP, and associated conformity determinations to include a process involving the Metropolitan Planning Organization, State and local air quality planning agencies, State and local transportation agencies, Environmental Protection Agency, Federal Highway Administration, and the Federal Transit Administration. Consultation on the conformity assessment has been prepared in accordance with MAG Conformity Consultation Processes adopted by the Regional Council in February 1996, and with MAG Transportation Conformity Guidance and Procedures adopted by the Regional Council in March 1996. In addition, federal guidance is followed in response to court rulings regarding transportation conformity.

### **ACTION NEEDED:**

For consultation.

### **PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:**

Transportation Review Committee: On June 26, 2003, the MAG Transportation Review Committee made a recommendation to approve an amendment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for transit projects.

Also, on June 26, 2003, the TRC unanimously recommended allocating \$100,000 in FFY 2003 funds for the design of a multi-use underpass in Peoria and \$800,000 for the final design phase of the light rail project as part of the last remaining interim close out funds; Also, to recommend \$400,000 additional funds for the Maricopa County, Gilbert Road and McDowell Road project as a final close out contingency project with any remaining final close out funds going to light rail final design project.

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July 1, 2003

TO: Leslie Rogers, Federal Transit Administration  
Robert Hollis, Federal Highway Administration  
Victor Mendez, Arizona Department of Transportation  
Stephen Owens, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality  
Ken Driggs, Regional Public Transportation Authority/ Valley Metro  
Al Brown, Maricopa County Environmental Services Department  
Colleen McKaughan, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX  
Other Interested Parties

FROM: Dean Giles, Air Quality Planning Program Manager

SUBJECT: CONSULTATION ON A CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT FOR A PROPOSED  
AMENDMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUSTMENT TO THE FY 2003-2007 MAG  
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

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MAG has reviewed the projects for compliance with the federal conformity rule and has found that the amendment and administrative adjustment requires consultation on the conformity assessment. The amendment includes new projects that may be categorized as exempt, for which a conformity determination is not required. The administrative adjustment involves minor project revisions for which a conformity determination is not required. The current conformity finding of the TIP and the associated Long Range Transportation Plan 2002 Update that was made jointly by the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration in a letter dated August 5, 2002, remains unchanged by this action. The conformity assessment is being transmitted for consultation to the agencies and other interested parties listed above. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (602) 254-6300.

cc: Nancy Wrona, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality

## ATTACHMENT

### CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT FOR A PROPOSED AMENDMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUSTMENT TO THE FY 2003-2007 MAG TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The federal transportation conformity rule requires consultation when making modifications to the TIP and Long Range Transportation Plan. In addition, the consultation processes are contained in the Arizona Conformity Rule. This information is provided for consultation as outlined in the MAG Conformity Consultation Processes document adopted by the MAG Regional Council on February 28, 1996.

The amendment includes new projects which may be categorized as exempt. Types of projects considered exempt are defined in the federal transportation conformity rule. A conformity determination is not required for exempt projects.

The administrative adjustment involves minor project revisions such as funding changes; scope changes that do not alter the number of through traffic lanes more than one-half mile; changes to the programmed implementation year with the five-years addressed in the TIP; and design, right-of-way, or utility projects. A conformity determination is not required for administrative adjustments.

The projects included in the proposed amendment and administrative adjustment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program are addressed below. MAG has reviewed the projects for compliance with the federal conformity rule and found that the projects require consultation on the conformity assessment. The projects are not expected to create adverse emission impacts or interfere with Transportation Control Measure implementation. The results of the 2002 Conformity Analysis for the TIP and Long Range Transportation Plan 2002 Update would be unchanged by this action.

**FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program - Transit Adjustment Requests**

| ID #         | Agency      | NEW<br>FY  | Work Type | Fund<br>Type                                      | Local | Federal     | Total       | Change      | Conformity Assessment  |  |
|--------------|-------------|------------|-----------|---|-------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--|--|
| ADVANCEMENTS |             |            |           |   |       |             |             |             |  |  |
|              | NONE        |            |           |   |       |             |             |             |  |  |
| DEFERRALS    |             |            |           |   |       |             |             |             |  |  |
| 1            | GLB04-204TR | Gilbert    | 2004      | Advance construct park-and-ride (US-60/Val Vista) | Local | \$515,597   | \$2,062,390 | \$2,577,987 | Defer to 2004  | Minor project revision required for changes to the project schedule.                                     |
| 2            | RPT03-909T  | RPTA       | 2004      | Purchase bus: < 30 foot - 1 expand (SCAT)         | 5307  | \$13,000    | \$52,000    | \$65,000    | Defer to 2004  | Minor project revision required for changes to the project schedule.                                     |
| 3            | SCT01-903T  | Scottsdale | 2004      | Construct transit center - Mustang                | Local | \$4,250,000 | \$0         | \$4,250,000 | Defer to 2004  | Minor project revision required for changes to the project schedule.                                     |
| ADJUSTMENTS  |             |            |           |   |       |             |             |             |  |  |
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| 2            | PEO03-001T  | Peoria     |           | Purchase bus: < 30 foot - 2 replace               | 5307  | \$26,000    | \$104,000   | \$130,000   | Reduce the number of buses from 3 to 2   | Minor project revision for change in project scope. The conformity status of the TIP remains unchanged.  |
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| 5            | PHX01-911T  | Phoenix    |           | Purchase bus: < 30 foot - 25 replace              | 5307  | \$225,000   | \$900,000   | \$1,125,000 | Change from expand to replace  | Minor project revision for change in project scope. The conformity status of the TIP remains unchanged.  |

**FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program - Transit Adjustment Requests**

| <b>ID #</b>     | <b>Agency</b> | <b>NEW<br/>FY</b> | <b>Work Type</b>                                | <b>Fund<br/>Type</b> | <b>Local</b> | <b>Federal</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>Change</b>  | <b>Conformity Assessment</b>  |
|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|---|----------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--|---|
| 6 PHX03-914T    | Phoenix       |                   | Purchase bus: standard - 10 replace             | 5307                 | \$544,000    | \$2,656,000    | \$3,200,000  | Reduce the number of buses from 10 to 8  | Minor project revision for change in project scope. The conformity status of the TIP and LRTP remains unchanged.                        |
| 7 PHX01-913T    | Phoenix       |                   | Purchase bus: standard - 14 replace             | 5309                 | \$772,662    | \$3,772,408    | \$4,545,070  | Change from expand to replace and increase federal to \$3,772,408 to match appropriation | Minor project revision for additional funding and change in project scope. The conformity status of the TIP and LRTP remains unchanged. |
| 8 PHX03-111T    | Phoenix       |                   | Purchase bus: standard - 4 replace              | STP-Flex             | \$109,440    | \$1,810,560    | \$1,920,000  | Change quantity from 4 to 6 and increase total amount from \$1,600,000                   | Minor project revision for change in project scope. The conformity status of the TIP and LRTP remains unchanged.                        |
| 9 PHX03-005T    | Phoenix       |                   | Design and construct upgrades - north and south | 5307                 | \$437,200    | \$1,748,800    | \$2,186,000  | Increase total amount by \$1,166,000   | Minor project revision for additional funding. The conformity status of the TIP and LRTP remains unchanged.                             |
| 10 PHX01-916TAX | Phoenix       |                   | Purchase bus: commuter - 7 expand               | 5307                 | \$476,000    | \$2,324,000    | \$2,800,000  | Reduce the number of buses from 9 to 7   | Minor project revision for change in project scope. The conformity status of the TIP and LRTP remains unchanged.                        |
| 11 RPT03-110T   | RPTA          |                   | Purchase vanpools: 40 replace                   | STP-Flex             | \$0          | \$1,341,918    | \$1,341,918  | Increase the number of vans by 10 from 5307 RPT03-037T                                   | Minor project revision for change in project scope. The conformity status of the TIP remains unchanged.                                 |
| 12 RPT03-109T   | RPTA          |                   | Purchase bus: < 30 foot - 18 replace (EVDAR)    | 5307                 | \$252,000    | \$1,008,000    | \$1,260,000  | Reduce number of buses from 35 to 18 in FY2004   | Minor project revision for change in project scope. The conformity status of the TIP remains unchanged.                                 |
| 13 RPT03-901T   | RPTA          |                   | Associated capital maintenance - FR operations  | 5307                 | \$62,860     | \$251,440      | \$314,300    | Add \$92,600 from SCT03-907T   | Minor project revision for additional funding. The conformity status of the TIP remains unchanged.                                      |

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| ID #             |              | Agency     | NEW<br>FY | Work Type  | Fund<br>Type | Local         | Federal      | Total         | Change  | Conformity Assessment  |
|------------------|--------------|------------|-----------|--|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---|--|
| 14               | RPT03-906T   | RPTA       |           | Capital cost of contracting - fixed route                            | 5307         | \$64,280      | \$257,120    | \$321,400     | Add \$85,000 from SCT03-908T                                      | Minor project revision for additional funding. The conformity status of the TIP remains unchanged. |
| 15               | RPT02-103T   | RPTA       |           | Predesing/acquire land - regional heavy maintenance facility         | 5309         | \$258,216     | \$1,032,862  | \$1,291,078   | Combine with RPT03-301T and adjust to match federal appropriation | Minor project revision for additional funding. The conformity status of the TIP remains unchanged. |
| 16               | TMP99-902T   | Tempe      |           | Design and construct alternative fuel station                        | 5307         | \$541,783     | \$2,167,133  | \$2,708,916   | Increase total cost by \$1,608,916                                | Minor project revision for additional funding. The conformity status of the TIP remains unchanged. |
| <b>DELETIONS</b> |              |            |           |  |              |               |              |               |   |  |
| 1                | PHX03-206TRX | Phoenix    |           | Repayment of advance pre-design regional park-and-ride (I-17/Peoria) | Local        | \$131,127     | \$131,127    | \$0           | To be reprogrammed in 2006  | Minor project revision required for changes to the project schedule.                               |
| 2                | RPT03-037T   | RPTA       |           | Purchase vanpools: 10 replace  | 5307         | \$54,000      | \$216,000    | \$270,000     | Move to STP   | Minor project revision required for change in funding source.                                      |
| 3                | RPT03-202T   | RPTA       |           | Land/design - East Valley Opertions facility                         | 5309         | \$951,600     | \$3,806,400  | \$4,758,000   | Replace with new "Tempe/Scottsdale" project                       | Minor project revision required for change in funding source.                                      |
| 4                | RPT03-302TR  | RPTA       |           | Fixed guideway corridor - acquire land                               | 5309         | \$55,838,596  | \$0          | \$55,838,596  | Replace with new project under VMR                                | Minor project revision required for change in project sponsor.                                     |
| 5                | RPT03-303TR  | RPTA       |           | Fixed guideway corridor - construction                               | 5309         | \$124,103,270 | \$0          | \$124,103,270 | Replace with new project under VMR                                | Minor project revision required for change in project sponsor.                                     |
| 6                | RPT03-304T   | RPTA       |           | Fixed guideway corridor - engineering and design/administration      | 5309         | \$24,955,145  | \$11,802,989 | \$36,758,134  | Replace with new project under VMR                                | Minor project revision required for change in project sponsor.                                     |
| 7                | SCT03-907T   | Scottsdale |           | Associated capital maintenance - FR operations                       | 5307         | \$18,520      | \$74,080     | \$92,600      | Move to RPTA (\$92,600 total, \$74,080 Federal)                   | Minor project revision required for change in project sponsor.                                     |
| 8                | SCT03-908T   | Scottsdale |           | Capital cost of contracting  | 5307         | \$17,000      | \$68,000     | \$85,000      | Move to RPTA (\$85,000 total, \$68,000 Federal)                   | Minor project revision required for change in project sponsor.                                     |
| 9                | TMP02-912T   | Tempe      |           | Install bus stop passenger improvements                              | 5307         | \$40,000      | \$160,000    | \$200,000     | Deleted   | The conformity status of the TIP remains unchanged.  |

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|------------------|---------------|-------------------|------------------|--|--------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|---|
| <b>ADDITIONS</b> |               |                   |                  |  |              |                |              |               |   |
| 1                | NEW           | Glendale          | 2003             | Acquire Support Vehicle for Replacement                | 5307         | \$9,600        | \$38,400     | \$48,000      | New project is considered exempt from conformity requirements under the category "purchase of support vehicles".  |
| 2                | NEW           | Mesa              | 2003             | Repayment of Construct - Mesa Operations Facility      | 5309         | \$258,216      | \$1,032,862  | \$1,291,078   |   |
| 3                | NEW           | Phoenix           | 2003             | Computer Software (Maintenance System Software)        | 5307         | \$50,846       | \$203,383    | \$254,229     | New project is considered exempt from conformity requirements under the category "purchase of office, shop, and operating equipment for existing vehicles".           |
| 4                | NEW           | Phoenix           | 2003             | Acquire new Fareboxes - 405 buses                      | 5307         | \$810,000      | \$3,240,000  | \$4,050,000   | New project is considered exempt from conformity requirements under the category "purchase of operating equipment for vehicles (e.g. radios, fareboxes, lifts, etc)". |
| 5                | NEW           | Phoenix           | 2003             | Design/land - Phoenix regional West Operating facility | 5309         | \$258,216      | \$1,032,862  | \$1,291,078   | New project would not be included in modeling for an regional emissions analysis.   |
| 6                | NEW           | RPTA              | 2003             | Acquire new Fareboxes - 80 buses                       | 5307         | \$160,000      | \$640,000    | \$800,000     | New project is considered exempt from conformity requirements under the category "purchase of operating equipment for vehicles (e.g. radios, fareboxes, lifts, etc)". |
| 7                | NEW           | RPTA              | 2003             | Mid-life rebuild - Fixed Route Buses                   | 5307         | \$250,000      | \$1,000,000  | \$1,250,000   | New project is considered exempt from conformity requirements under the category "rehabilitation of transit vehicles".  |

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|------|-----|--------|-----------|--|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|----------------------|---|
| 8    | NEW | RPTA   | 2003      | Integrated Voice Recognition (IVR) System for Regional Services            | 5307         | \$126,000     | \$504,000    | \$630,000     |                      | New project is considered exempt from conformity requirements under the category "purchase of operating equipment for vehicles (e.g. radios, fareboxes, lifts, etc)". |
| 9    | NEW | VMR    | 2003      | Fixed guideway corridor - acquire land                                     | 5309         | \$55,838,596  | \$0          | \$55,838,596  | Replaces RPT03-302TR | Minor project revision required for change in project sponsor.  |
| 10   | NEW | VMR    | 2003      | Fixed guideway corridor - construction                                     | 5309         | \$124,103,270 | \$0          | \$124,103,270 | Replaces RPT03-303TR | Minor project revision required for change in project sponsor.  |
| 11   | NEW | VMR    | 2003      | Fixed guideway corridor - engineering and design/administration            | 5309         | \$24,955,145  | \$11,802,989 | \$36,758,134  | Replaces RPT03-304T  | Minor project revision required for change in project sponsor.  |
| 12   | NEW | Tempe  | 2003      | Design/construct - Tempe/Scottsdale regional operations facility (phase I) | 5309         | \$258,216     | \$1,032,862  | \$1,291,078   | Replaces RPT03-202T  | New project would not be included in modeling for an regional emissions analysis.   |
| 13   | NEW | VMR    | 2003      | Repayment-design intermodel transfer facilities                            | 5307         | \$924,395     | \$3,697,582  | \$4,621,977   |                      |   |

**FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program - Federal Fiscal Year 2003 Year End Final Closeout**

| <b>Project #</b> | <b>Agency</b>           | <b>Location</b>                                | <b>Type of Work</b>                       | <b>FY</b> | <b>Fund Type</b> | <b>Local Cost</b> | <b>Federal Cost</b> | <b>Total Cost</b> | <b>Conformity Assessment</b>  |
|------------------|-------------------------|--|---|-----------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---|
| PEO02-005D2      | Peoria                  | New River Rd:<br>Northern Ave to<br>Peoria Ave | Construct multi-use path and<br>underpass | 2003      | CMAQ             | \$10,000          | \$100,000           | \$110,000         | New project is considered<br>exempt from conformity<br>requirements under the<br>category "bicycle and<br>pedestrian facilities". |
| VMR03-302T       | Valley<br>Metro<br>Rail | Regionwide                                     | Regional light rail - final design        | 2003      | CMAQ-Flex        | \$272,000         | \$4,500,000         | \$4,772,000       | Minor project revision for<br>additional funding. The<br>conformity status of the TIP<br>remains unchanged.                       |



# **MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

## **INFORMATION SUMMARY... for your review**

**DATE:**

July 1, 2003

**SUBJECT:**

Regional Annual Report Data Collection Consultant Selection

**SUMMARY:**

In May 2003, the Regional Council approved the table of contents for the development of the Regional Annual Report. In addition, in the FY 2004 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, the Regional Council approved consultant assistance for the development of the Regional Annual Report. To assist in the data collection for the Report, a Request for Proposals was advertised. A multi-agency review team considered the proposals and reached a consensus that Applied Economics be selected to perform three tasks outlined in the Request for Proposals for an amount not to exceed \$48,500.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

No public input has been received.

**PROS & CONS:**

PROS: Preparation of an annual report directed to elected officials, business leaders and community leaders that will be a positive tool for communities to use in attaining their goals, and also to measure performance of the region as a whole on key indicators. The report would emphasize the region's assets, the progress that has been made, and what could be done to improve the region.

CONS: None.

**TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

TECHNICAL: A broad set of annual performance indicators that measure the region in three ways:

1. Comparison to other metro regions that compete with Metro Phoenix, or which set a national standard;
2. Time series of selected performance indicators within Metro Phoenix; and
3. Maps that show the distribution of new activity within Metro Phoenix.

POLICY: Possible identification of areas measured by performance indicators that need focus.

**ACTION NEEDED:**

Recommend the selection of Applied Economics to prepare databases for subdivision, nonresidential parks and infill development activity for the Regional Annual Report, for an amount not to exceed \$48,500.

**PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:**

The information to be compiled on regionally significant development projects was initially prepared by MAG staff from significant involvement and direction of the Planners Stakeholders Group; it was reviewed by member agency Intergovernmental Representatives.

On June 24, 2003, a multi-agency review team reached a consensus that Applied Economics be selected to perform three tasks outlined in the Request for Proposals for an amount not to exceed \$48,500.

John Catapano,  
Greater Phoenix Economic Council  
Patrice Kraus, City of Chandler

Ray Quay, City of Phoenix  
Jack Tomasik, MAG  
Rita Walton, MAG

Regional Council: On June 25, 2003, the Regional Council approved compiling information on regionally significant development projects, including annual impact of cumulative development in the region.

#### MEMBERS ATTENDING

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Coleman, Apache Junction  
Mayor Ron Drake, Avondale  
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Mayor Vincent Francia, Cave Creek  
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Mayor Chris Riggs, Gila Bend  
\*Governor Richard Nardis, Gila River Indian  
Community  
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Mayor Bryan Hackbarth, Youngtown  
Rusty Gant, ADOT  
Joe Lane, ADOT  
F. Rockne Arnett, Citizens Transportation  
Oversight Committee

\* Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.  
# Attended by videoconference or by telephone conference call.

Management Committee: On June 11, 2003, the Management Committee agenda, recommended approval of compiling information on regionally significant development projects, including annual impact of cumulative development in the region.

#### MEMBERS ATTENDING

Terry Ellis, Peoria, Chairman  
Mike Hutchinson, Mesa, Vice Chairman  
# George Hoffman, Apache Junction  
David Fitzhugh for Todd Hileman, Avondale  
\* Joe Blanton, Buckeye  
Jon Pearson, Carefree  
Usama Abujbarah, Cave Creek  
Pat McDermott, Chandler  
Santos Hernandez for Dick Yost, El Mirage  
#Tim Pickering, Fountain Hills  
David Evertsen, Gila Bend  
Urban Giff, Gila River Indian Community  
George Pettit, Gilbert  
Dana Tranberg for Ed Beasley, Glendale  
Stephen Cleveland, Goodyear  
Tom Morales, Guadalupe

Horatio Skeete, Litchfield Park  
Tom Martinsen, Paradise Valley  
Frank Fairbanks, Phoenix  
Cynthia Seelhammer, Queen Creek  
\* Bryan Meyers, Salt River Pima-Maricopa  
Indian Community  
Steve Olson for Jan Dolan, Scottsdale  
Bill Pupo, Surprise  
Will Manley, Tempe  
Reyes Medrano for Ralph Velez, Tolleson  
Shane Dille, Wickenburg  
Mark Fooks, Youngtown  
Dale Buskirk for Victor Mendez, ADOT  
Tom Buick for David Smith, Maricopa Co.  
Bryan Jungwirth for Ken Driggs,  
Valley Metro/RPTA

\*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.  
# Participated by videoconference or telephone conference call.

Executive Committee: This item was on the May 19, 2003 agenda for input.

**MEMBERS ATTENDING**

Mayor Wendy Feldman-Kerr Queen Creek, Chair  
Mayor Joan Shafer Surprise, Vice Chair  
Mayor Keno Hawker, Mesa  
Mayor John Keegan, Peoria

Mayor Mary Manross, Scottsdale  
Mayor Skip Rimsza, Phoenix  
\*Mayor Woody Thomas, Litchfield Park

\* Not present

Executive Committee: This item was on the April 21, 2003 agenda and direction was given to get further input on the methodology from the Planners Stakeholders Group.

**MEMBERS ATTENDING**

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\* Not present

Regional Council: On December 11, 2002, the Regional Council approved the Regional Development Scope of Work and after an 18-month evaluation period, this would be brought back to the Regional Council for evaluation and a vote on implementation.

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# Attended by videoconference or by telephone conference call.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

Jack Tomasik, MAG Regional Development Manager, (602) 254-6300.

# **MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

## **INFORMATION SUMMARY... for your review**

**DATE:**

July 1, 2003

**SUBJECT:**

Eight-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area Boundary

**SUMMARY:**

By July 15, 2003, the Governor is required to recommend nonattainment area boundaries for the eight-hour ozone standard to the Environmental Protection Agency. On June 25, 2003, the MAG Regional Council recommended the MAG eight-hour ozone boundary option as shown in Figure ES-1 to the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality for transmittal to the Governor as the recommended nonattainment area boundary for the eight-hour ozone standard in the Maricopa County area. MAG will continue to work with the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality in developing the necessary supporting information for the eight-hour boundary option for submittal to the Governor and Environmental Protection Agency.

The EPA presumption is that the nonattainment area boundaries reflect the Metropolitan Statistical Area, which includes all of Maricopa and Pinal Counties. A state may propose a smaller boundary by addressing eleven key factors. Based upon EPA guidance, an initial analysis was prepared by the MAG staff to identify an appropriate boundary for the new ozone standard. On May 8 and 27, 2003, the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee reviewed the initial analysis which indicates that a smaller boundary within the Maricopa County borders may be the most appropriate.

On June 17, 2003 at 10:00 a.m., the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) presented two boundary options at an Air Quality Planning Team meeting (ADEQ, ADOT, Maricopa County and MAG). The ADEQ options include portions of Maricopa, Pinal, Gila, and Yavapai counties. The ADEQ boundary options encompass approximately 6,300 and 8,100 square miles. On June 17, 2003 at 1:30 p.m. ADEQ also conducted a stakeholders meeting to present the two boundary options. No written report was presented by the ADEQ; only paper copies of the slide presentation were distributed. At the meeting, presentations were also given by staff from EPA, MAG and Pinal County. The ADEQ set a deadline of June 23, 2003 for submitting comments on all boundary options.

On June 19, 2003, the MAG Quality Technical Advisory Committee reviewed the two boundary options presented by ADEQ. The Committee then made a strong recommendation to adopt the MAG eight-hour ozone nonattainment area boundary option absent the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality boundary options. The Committee emphasized that only one boundary should be presented to the Governor for recommendation. On June 20, 2003, the Committee's recommendation and the ADEQ boundary options were sent to the MAG Regional Council.

On June 23, 2003, the MAG staff transmitted technical comments to ADEQ on the two ADEQ boundary options in the slide presentation and the recommendation from the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee. The MAG letter indicated that the MAG Regional Council was scheduled to consider the recommendation from the Committee at the June 25, 2003 meeting.

Presently, the MAG staff is continuing to work with ADEQ to strengthen the supporting documentation for the initial analysis based upon comments received after June 17, 2003. A final report will then be prepared.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

At the June 11, 2003 Management Committee meeting a citizen commented that ozone was a concern as development and growth moved westward.

At the June 19, 2003 Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee meeting, a citizen commented on the number of ozone alert days already this year, the transportation plan, and expansion of freeways and HOV lanes. The citizen also commented that whether the boundary is to be big or small, the plan should be done right. In addition, the citizen mentioned that high ozone concentrations southwest of the urban area are not being considered, that business non-mobile sources need to be addressed, and that it is a privilege to drive, but it is a right to breathe.

At the June 25, 2003 Regional Council meeting, a representative from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community commented on the shading on the map and then expressed appreciation for changing the map to reflect that the designation of the Indian Communities is beyond the purview of MAG. A citizen who commented previously discussed the upsloping phenomenon; there are thirteen exceedances at eight monitors and you get where you don't want to go when there are three; you do not have permission to balance health with industries; cutting emissions by increasing vehicle miles of travel; the future home of transit is not shown; you are not getting the job done; and Wickenburg, Scottsdale, Cave Creek, and Carefree are upsloping and it will occur in the western mountains as population increases.

**PROS & CONS:**

**PROS:** The eight-hour ozone boundary option in the MAG report expands the current one-hour ozone boundary to include the Humboldt Mountain and Blue Point monitors. The data analysis in the report through 2020 indicates that most of the man-made activities which cause ozone in the Metropolitan Statistical Area occur, and will continue to occur, within the MAG eight-hour ozone boundary option. Since the boundary option includes the current boundary with a few additions, it should be adequate to protect public health while minimizing negative economic impacts.

**CONS:** The Humboldt Mountain monitor is located in a remote area. However, the Clean Air Act requires that all areas which do not meet the standards be included in the eight-hour ozone nonattainment area boundary.

**TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

**TECHNICAL:** The initial analysis evaluated the key factors identified by EPA which affect the drawing of the boundaries: emissions and air quality in adjacent areas; population density and degree of urbanization including commercial development; monitoring data representing ozone concentrations in local areas and larger areas; location of emission sources; traffic and commuting patterns; expected growth; meteorology; geography and topography; jurisdictional boundaries; level of control of emission sources; and regional emissions reductions. Data was analyzed through 2020. The results of the MAG initial analysis indicate that the boundary option in the MAG report would be more appropriate than the entire Metropolitan Statistical Area.

In general, the new boundary option would include the current one-hour ozone nonattainment area boundary with the addition of the Humboldt Mountain monitor to the Northeast and the Blue Point monitor to the East. The Humboldt Mountain monitor violates the eight-hour ozone standard and the Blue Point monitor has recorded elevated ozone concentrations, based on 2000-2002 monitoring data. Most of the man-made activities which cause ozone formation within the Metropolitan Statistical Area occur, and will continue to occur, within the eight-hour ozone boundary option.

**POLICY:** The Governor is required to make recommendations on the eight-hour ozone boundaries by July 15, 2003. The EPA will then finalize the boundary designations by April 15, 2004. Within the nonattainment area boundary, requirements will be more stringent for business, industry and transportation. The eight-hour ozone standard applies to transportation conformity. Once the boundary is established, it is extremely difficult to reduce the size. However, under the Clean Air Act, a boundary may be expanded at any time, if it becomes necessary.

Also, there are several air quality measures already in place to control emissions from growth occurring outside of the MAG boundary option in the report. Over the years, the Arizona Legislature has required the implementation of measures in Area A to reduce emissions as growth and development occur, rather than expand the nonattainment area boundary. This approach results in improved air quality without the negative economic impacts of expanding the nonattainment area boundary.

On June 25, 2003, a representative from the California Air Resources Board (CARB) indicated that California is in the process of updating its March 23, 2000 recommended area designations for the eight-hour ozone standard with small technical changes and the new three-year monitoring data. In general, the approach used by CARB has been to retain the same existing one-hour nonattainment area boundaries for the new eight-hour ozone standard with a few exceptions. Only minor boundary changes are recommended for the eleven areas already designated nonattainment for the one-hour ozone standard.

It is important to note that the designation of the Indian Communities is under the jurisdiction of the Environmental Protection Agency. Therefore, the initial analysis report does not address the designation of Indian Communities.

There are significant issues with the ADEQ boundary options. The ADEQ boundary options are approximately 6,300 and 8,100 square miles in area, while the MAG option is 2,300 square miles. The ADEQ boundary options are excessively large given the extent of the problem, controls which are already in effect, and new federal controls soon to be in effect. There is a lack of supporting documentation; no written report has been provided. Excessive boundary expansions beyond the MAG option would have minimal marginal effect in reducing emissions.

With the ADEQ boundary options, there are increased risks for transportation conformity with the inclusion of portions of four counties in one nonattainment area. According to EPA, new conformity tests and requirements for the eight-hour ozone standard will be forthcoming and are currently unknown. The inclusion of four counties would complicate conformity further. If conformity cannot be determined, major transportation projects may not be approved and built regardless of funding sources.

#### **ACTION NEEDED:**

Information and discussion.

#### **PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:**

Regional Council: On June 25, 2003, the MAG Regional Council unanimously recommended the MAG eight-hour ozone boundary option as shown in Figure ES-1 to the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality for transmittal to the Governor as the recommended nonattainment area boundary for the eight-hour ozone standard in the Maricopa County area. MAG will continue to work with the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality in developing the necessary supporting information for the eight-hour boundary option for submittal to the Governor and Environmental Protection Agency.

## MEMBERS ATTENDING

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Mayor Robert Robles, El Mirage  
\* Mayor Wally Nichols, Fountain Hills  
Mayor Chris Riggs, Gila Bend  
\* Governor Richard Narcia, Gila River Indian Community  
Mayor Steven Berman, Gilbert  
Mayor Elaine Scruggs, Glendale  
Mayor James Cavanaugh, Goodyear

Mayor Vinicio Alvarez, Guadalupe  
Mayor J. Woodfin Thomas, Litchfield Park  
\* Supervisor Max W. Wilson, Maricopa County  
Mayor Keno Hawker, Mesa  
\* Mayor Edward Lowry, Paradise Valley  
\* Mayor John Keegan, Peoria  
\* Mayor Skip Rimsza, Phoenix  
\* President Joni Ramos, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community  
Mayor Mary Manross, Scottsdale  
Mayor Neil Giuliano, Tempe  
\* Mayor Adolfo Gamez, Tolleson  
Mayor Lon McDermott, Wickenburg  
Mayor Bryan Hackbarth, Youngtown  
Rusty Gant, ADOT  
Joe Lane, ADOT  
F. Rockne Arnett, Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee

\* Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

# Attended by videoconference or by telephone conference call.

Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee: On June 19, 2003, the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee made a strong recommendation to adopt the MAG eight-hour ozone nonattainment area boundary option absent the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality boundary options. The Committee emphasized that only one boundary should be presented to the Governor for recommendation. The motion passed with a vote of 14 yes, three no (*italics*), and one abstention (shaded).

## MEMBERS PRESENT

\* Stephen Cleveland, City of Goodyear, Chairman  
\* Avondale: Michael Powell  
Chandler: Jim Weiss  
\* Gilbert: Tami Ryall  
\* Glendale: Doug Kukino  
Mesa: Christine Zielonka  
Phoenix: Gaye Knight  
Scottsdale: Larry Person  
\* Surprise: Jerry Huston  
Tempe: Oddvar Tveit for Tom Moore  
\* Citizen Representative: Walter Bouchard  
\* Arizona Lung Association: David Feuerherd  
Salt River Project: Chris Janick  
Southwest Gas Corporation: Brian O'Donnell  
Arizona Public Service Company: Jim Mikula  
# Western States Petroleum Association:  
Gina Grey  
\*Valley Metro: Bryan Jungwirth  
Arizona Motor Transport Association: Dave Berry  
\* Maricopa County Farm Bureau: Jeannette Fish  
Arizona Rock Products Association: Steve Trussell for Rusty Bowers

\* Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce:  
Michelle Rill  
Associated General Contractors: Amanda McGennis  
\* Homebuilders Association of Central Arizona:  
Connie Wilhelm-Garcia  
\* American Institute of Architects - Central Arizona: Stephen J. Andros  
Valley Forward: Peter Allard  
University of Arizona - Cooperative Extension:  
Patrick Clay  
*Arizona Department of Transportation: Pat Cupell*  
*Arizona Department of Environmental Quality: Peter Hyde*  
*Maricopa County Environmental Services Department: Ben Davis for Jo Crumbaker*  
\*Arizona Department of Weights and Measures: Duane Yantorno  
Federal Highway Administration: Dennis Mittelstedt  
\*Arizona State University: Judi Nelson  
\*Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community:  
B. Bobby Ramirez  
Citizen Representative: David Rueckert

\*Members neither present nor represented by proxy.

#Participated via telephone conference call.

Management Committee: This item was on the agenda for the June 11, 2003 MAG Management Committee meeting for information and discussion. A presentation was given.

#### MEMBERS ATTENDING

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| Terry Ellis, Peoria, Chairman             | Horatio Skeete, Litchfield Park            |
| Mike Hutchinson, Mesa, Vice Chairman      | Tom Martinsen, Paradise Valley             |
| # George Hoffman, Apache Junction         | Frank Fairbanks, Phoenix                   |
| David Fitzhugh for Todd Hileman, Avondale | Cynthia Seelhammer, Queen Creek            |
| * Joe Blanton, Buckeye                    | * Bryan Meyers, Salt River Pima-Maricopa   |
| Jon Pearson, Carefree                     | Indian Community                           |
| Usama Abujbarah, Cave Creek               | Steve Olson for Jan Dolan, Scottsdale      |
| Pat McDermott, Chandler                   | Bill Pupo, Surprise                        |
| Santos Hernandez for Dick Yost, El Mirage | Will Manley, Tempe                         |
| #Tim Pickering, Fountain Hills            | Reyes Medrano for Ralph Velez, Tolleson    |
| David Evertsen, Gila Bend                 | Shane Dille, Wickenburg                    |
| Urban Giff, Gila River Indian Community   | Mark Fooks, Youngtown                      |
| George Pettit, Gilbert                    | Dale Buskirk for Victor Mendez, ADOT       |
| Dana Tranberg for Ed Beasley, Glendale    | Tom Buick for David Smith, Maricopa County |
| Stephen Cleveland, Goodyear               | Bryan Jungwirth for Ken Driggs,            |
| Tom Morales, Guadalupe                    | Valley Metro/RPTA                          |

\*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

# Participated by videoconference or telephone conference call.

Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee: On May 27, 2003, the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee made a recommendation to delay any recommendation on the eight-hour ozone nonattainment area boundary until the June 19, 2003 meeting. In addition, the Committee requested that MAG transmit a copy of the Preliminary Draft of the Initial Analysis for an Eight-Hour Ozone Boundary Option for the Maricopa County Nonattainment Area document to the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality to assist in the agency's formulation of the eight-hour ozone boundary for Maricopa County.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT

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| Stephen Cleveland, City of Goodyear, Chairman | Associated General Contractors: Amanda         |
| Avondale: Michael Powell                      | McGennis                                       |
| Chandler: Jim Weiss                           | * Homebuilders Association of Central Arizona: |
| * Gilbert: Tami Ryall                         | Connie Wilhelm-Garcia                          |
| Glendale: Doug Kukino                         | * American Institute of Architects - Central   |
| Mesa: Christine Zielonka                      | Arizona: Stephen J. Andros                     |
| Phoenix: Gaye Knight                          | Valley Forward: Peter Allard                   |
| Scottsdale: Larry Person                      | University of Arizona - Cooperative Extension: |
| Surprise: Jerry Huston                        | Patrick Clay                                   |
| Tempe: Oddvar Tveit for Tom Moore             | Arizona Department of Transportation: Pat      |
| Citizen Representative: Walter Bouchard       | Cupell   |
| * Arizona Lung Association: David Feuerherd   | Arizona Department of Environmental Quality:   |
| Salt River Project: Chris Janick              | Peter Hyde                                     |
| * Southwest Gas Corporation: Brian O'Donnell  | * Maricopa County Environmental Services       |
| Arizona Public Service Company: Jim Mikula    | Department: Jo Crumbaker                       |
| # Western States Petroleum Association:       | Arizona Department of Weights and              |
| Gina Grey                                     | Measures: Duane Yantorno                       |
| Valley Metro: Bryan Jungwirth                 | Federal Highway Administration: Ed Stillings   |
| Arizona Motor Transport Association: Dave     | for Dennis Mittelstedt                         |
| Berry   | * Arizona State University: Judi Nelson        |
| * Maricopa County Farm Bureau: Jeannette Fish | * Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community:   |
| Arizona Rock Products Association: Rusty      | B. Bobby Ramirez                               |
| Bowers  | * Citizen Representative: David Rueckert       |
| * Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce:        |  |
| Michelle Rill                                 |  |

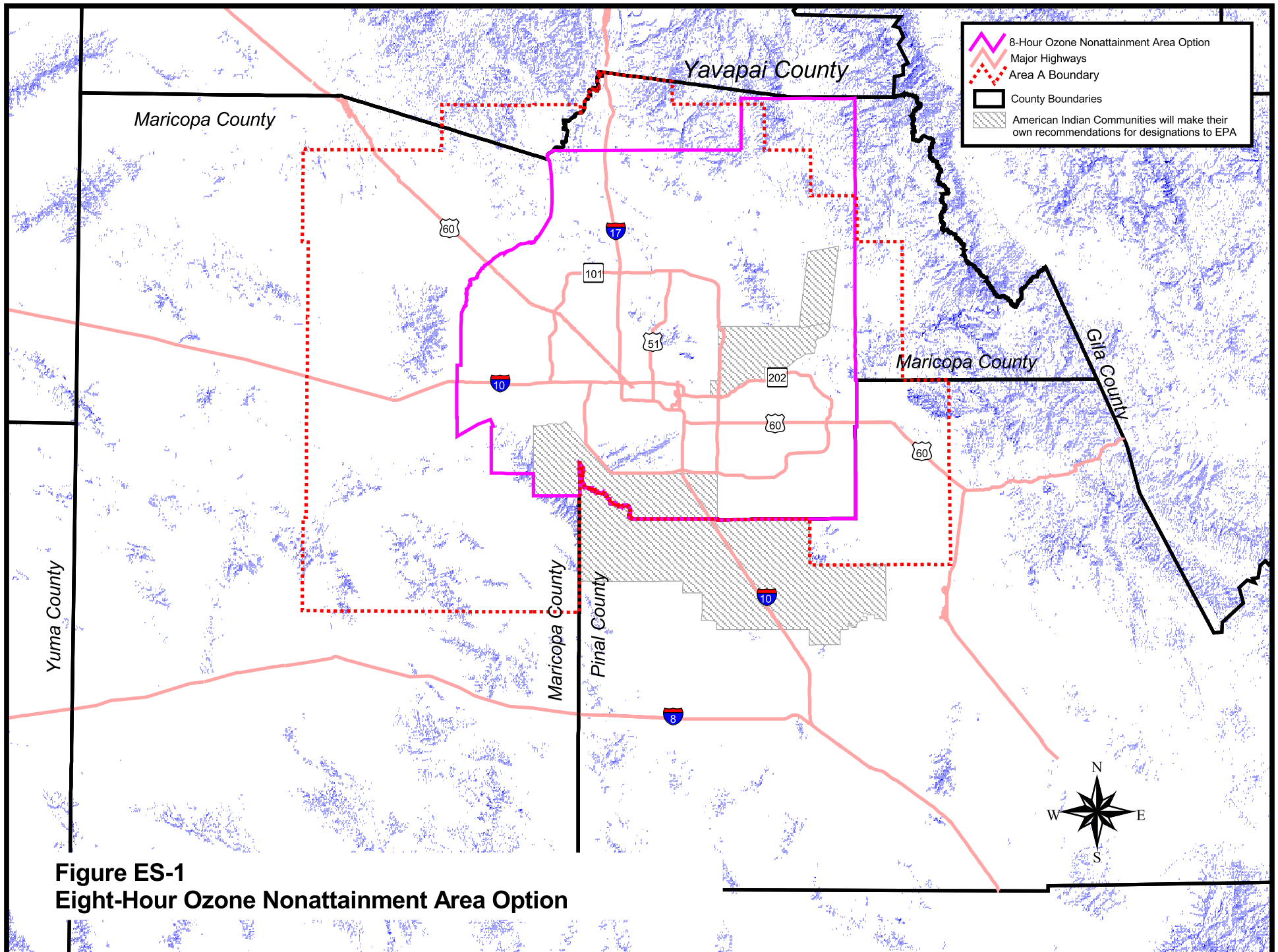
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#Participated via telephone conference call.

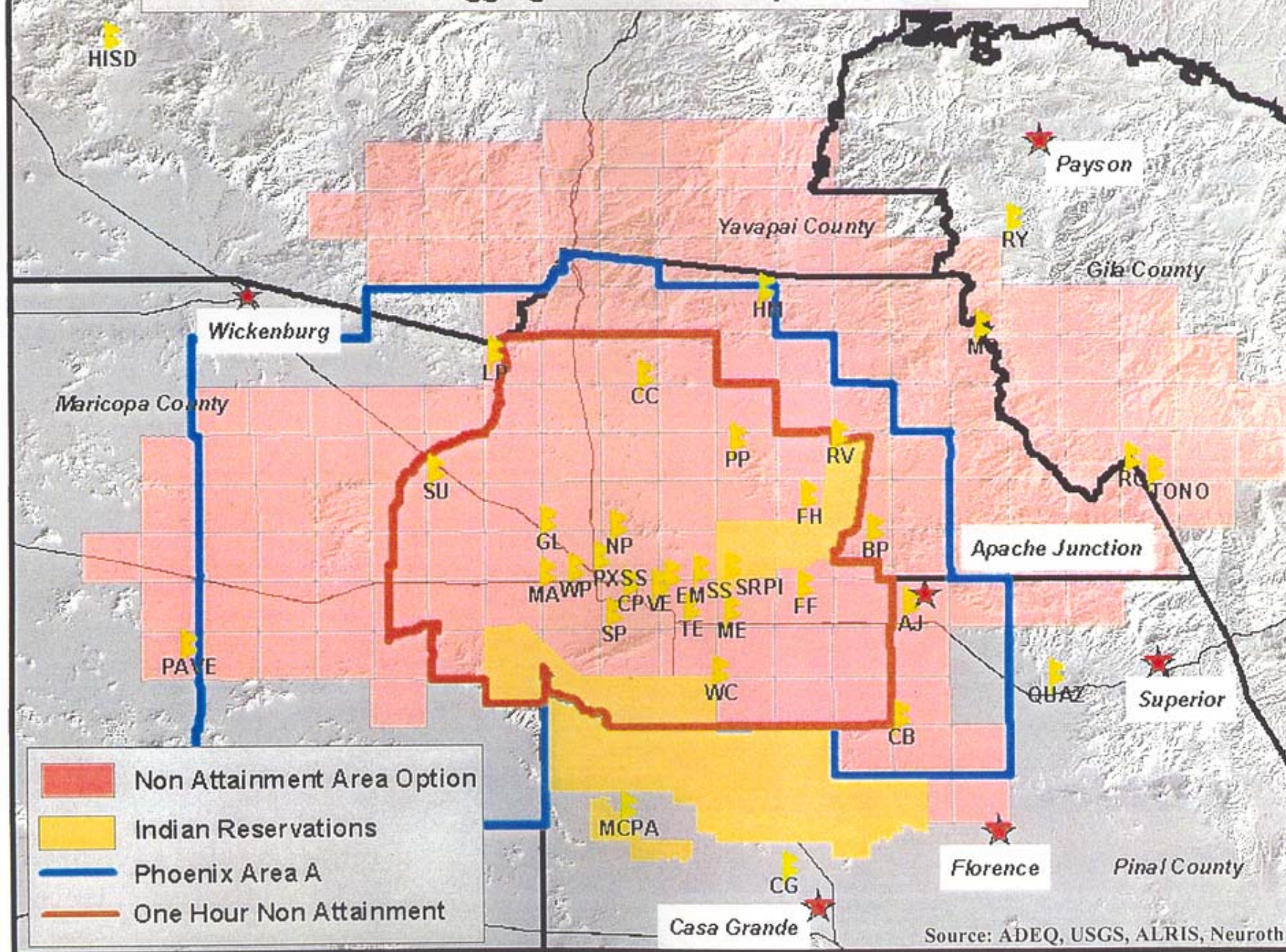
#### **CONTACT PERSON:**

Lindy Bauer, MAG (602) 254-6300



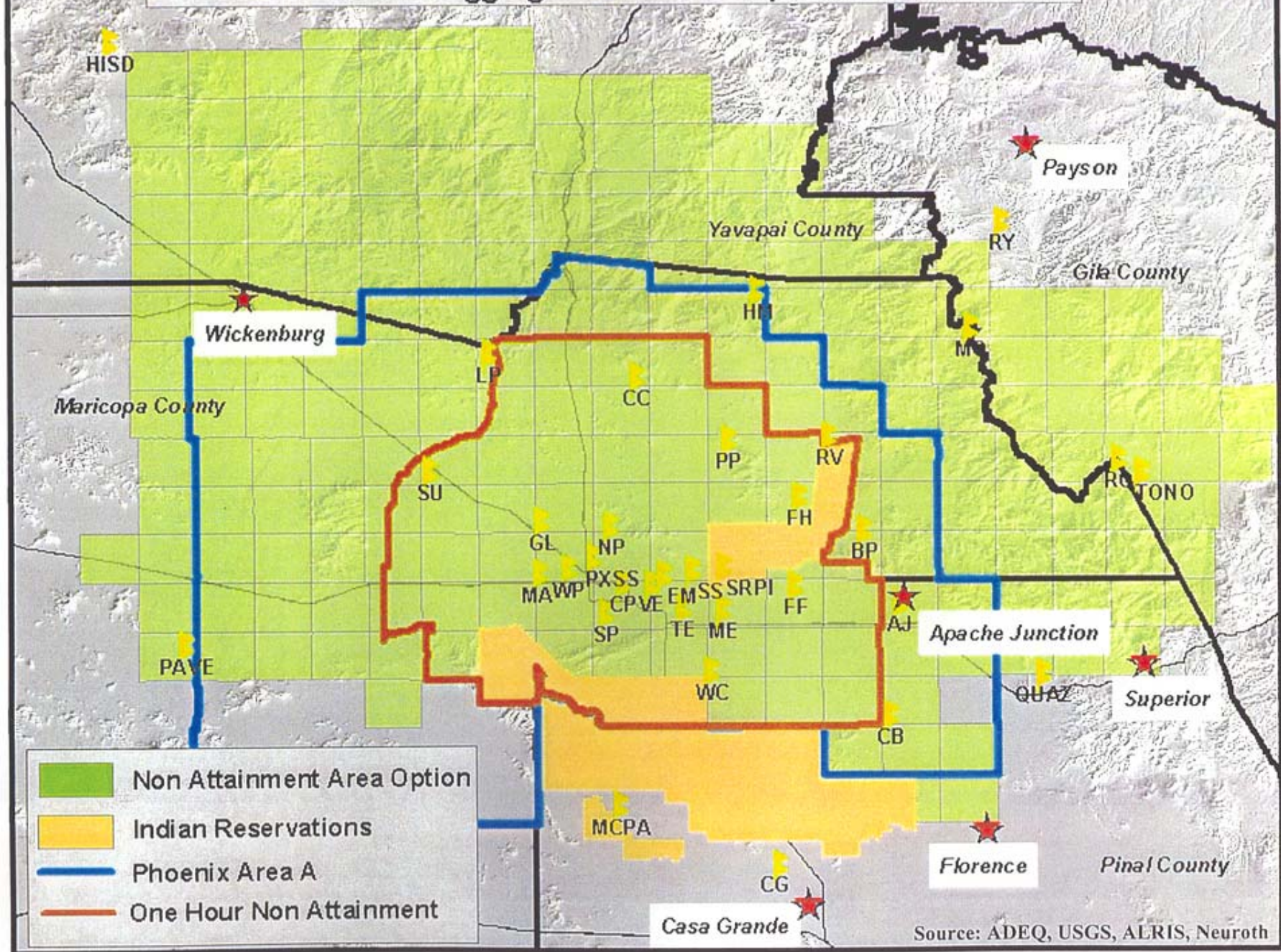


# 8-Hour Ozone Non Attainment Area Option - 85 ppb Design Criteria Aggregated to Township





### 8-Hour Ozone Non Attainment Area Option - 80 ppb Design Criteria Aggregated to Township



July 1, 2003

TO: Members of the Management Committee

FROM: Tom Remes, Senior Policy Planner

SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT UPDATE

BACKGROUND:

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Office of Domestic Preparedness is providing financial assistance to selected urban areas through the FY2003 Urban Areas Security Initiative Grant Program II. In Arizona, the funding allocation for this grant is approximately \$11,033,467.

The Maricopa Association of Governments was approached by Arizona's Office of Homeland Security to act as the regional point of contact for the Urban Area, along with the City of Phoenix as the point of contact for the core city and Maricopa County as the point of contact for the core county. In a meeting on June 30, 2003, the three main contacts identified in the grant, the State, Phoenix and Maricopa County, met to define the Urban Area and to discuss the creation of an Urban Area Working Group (UAWG). This group will be responsible for the development and implementation of the grant program.

URBAN AREA WORKING GROUP:

The jurisdiction for the State Assessment Process is identified as Maricopa County. It was determined that the Urban Area will be defined as Maricopa County, inclusive of the portions of the Gila River Indian Community, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, and the Fort McDowell Indian Community lying within Maricopa County. The State will coordinate the ongoing county assessment process and the urban area assessment and strategy process for the grant.

It was decided that the Urban Area Working Group will consist of representatives from the cities of Phoenix, Glendale and Mesa; Maricopa County; and the State of Arizona. MAG, working through the elected officials of the cities of Glendale and Mesa, has identified Assistant Fire Chief Tom Shannon to represent the City of Glendale and Assistant Fire Chief Cliff Puckett to represent the City of Mesa on the Urban Area Working Group. The City of Phoenix has identified Marcus Aurelius, City Emergency Management Director, and Maricopa County has identified Robert Spencer, Director of the Maricopa County Department of Emergency Management, as their representatives on the Urban Area Working Group.

The cities of Glendale and Mesa were selected to serve on the Urban Area Working Group, since along with the City of Phoenix, they are the three Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) cities in the region. These cities have received federal training and funding to effectively respond to a public health

crisis, especially an event involving a weapon of mass destruction. As part of their responsibilities for the UAWG, the cities of Glendale and Mesa will be responsible for meeting with stakeholders in their subregion to gain input into the assessment and strategy process. They will bring this information back to the UAWG for consideration in the grant development.

#### ROLE OF THE MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS:

The Urban Areas Security Initiative Grant Program has a process that is different from prior grants from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. This grant stresses that the urban areas selected for funding take a regional metropolitan approach to the development and implementation of the program. The federal funds from this grant are different funds than have been discussed in recent media coverage. The emphasis is placed upon benefits to a regional response network.

MAG has been asked to help facilitate this process through the Urban Area Working Group. The UAWG will be setting meetings for itself as well as for the numerous regional stakeholders. When the grant application nears completion, a summary will be presented to the Management Committee and Regional Council for review and comment. Any comments will be brought back to the UAWG for consideration before the grant is submitted. It is important to note that due to the short deadlines, a strict timeline will need to be followed. Therefore, any comments will need to be timely, or the process will be impeded and funds will not be granted.

#### KEY DATES IN PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT:

Orientation by the U.S. Department of Justice for the Urban Area Working Group has been requested for mid-July. This group will need to meet the following deadlines:

- July 7, 2003 – Methodology for allocating initial funding to support the assessment and strategy development process as well as applications for funding due.
- September 30, 2003 – Urban Area Assessment due.
- October 31, 2003 – Urban Area Homeland Security Strategy due.
- November 30, 2003 – Budget Detail Worksheets providing a spending plan for the allocation of all remaining funds due.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.





# Urban Area Working Group

Maricopa  
Association of  
Governments  
(Point of Contact)

State of  
Arizona  
SAA

City of  
Phoenix  
Core City  
and MMRS

Maricopa  
County  
Core  
County

City of  
Glendale  
MMRS

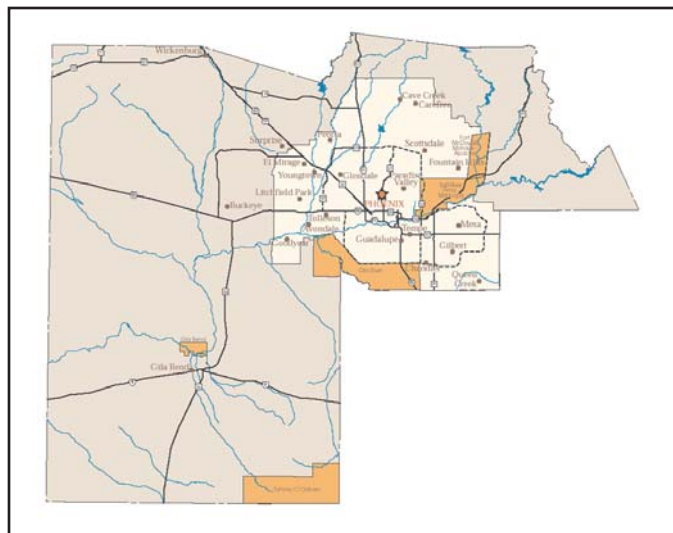
City of  
Mesa  
MMRS

**West Valley**  
**Cities or Towns of:**  
Avondale  
Buckeye  
El Mirage  
Gila Bend  
Goodyear  
Litchfield Park  
Peoria  
Surprise  
Tolleson  
Wickenburg  
Youngtown  
  
**Plus:**  
Phoenix  
Maricopa County  
State of Arizona

**State Agencies**  
Dept. of Public Safety  
Arizona Dept. of  
Environmental Quality  
Arizona Dept. of  
Transportation  
Dept. of Health Services  
Dept. of Agriculture

**County Agencies**

**East Valley**  
**Cities or Towns of:**  
Apache Junction  
Chandler  
Carefree  
Cave Creek  
Fountain Hills  
Gilbert  
Guadalupe  
Paradise Valley  
Queen Creek  
Scottsdale  
Tempe  
  
**Plus:**  
Fort McDowell,  
Salt River Pima-  
Maricopa, and  
Gila River Indian  
Communities.  
Phoenix  
Maricopa County  
State of Arizona



July 1, 2003

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Kelly Taft, Communications Manager

SUBJECT: PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT EFFORTS

Over the past several months, the public involvement team has been conducting numerous public meetings, small group presentations and special events to gather citizen input into the Regional Transportation Plan. During most of these events, citizens were asked to complete one of two surveys (attached) to help gauge their individual spending priorities. A summary of the input collected during these events will be presented at the July 9, 2003 Management Committee meeting.

Public Workshops and Community Groups.

In the months of May and June, five public workshops were held in the Central, Northeast, Northwest, Southeast and Southwest areas of the Valley. During these workshops, citizens participated in a hands-on exercise in which participants developed their own regional transportation plan using a list of 19 major project categories, such as "New Freeways," "Bus Service Capital," "Bottleneck Improvements," etc. The categories were developed by HDR Engineering based on more than 400 project requests received by the cities at the beginning of the process. A dollar amount for each category was determined based on the projected level of need between now and 2025.

Participants were given a deck of 19 cards listing each project and its cost. About \$22 billion worth of projects were contained on the cards, but participants could not spend more than \$8.3 billion in their plan – the amount anticipated to be raised by the half-cent sales tax extension. A worksheet, or "Funding Priorities Survey," was provided to record the amounts spent on each category by each respondent. (See attached sample). Participants were then asked to convene into small groups and to try to reach consensus by table on spending priorities. Results of these workshops will be presented at the meeting. Detailed results of the public workshops may also be found in the attached report "The Regional Transportation Plan Input Opportunity Report June 2003."

In addition to the public workshops, the Funding Priorities Survey was distributed to a number of community groups, such as local transportation commissions, the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Sun City Grand Neighborhood Representatives, and others. A summary of those results will also be provided.

#### Other Public Events.

In addition to the events in May and June, numerous other special events have been held, such as freeway openings, MAG at the Mall events, Sunday on Central, Cinco de Mayo, small group presentations, etc. During these events, MAG distributed a shorter survey designed to record citizen's transportation priorities. Referred to as the "Four-Question Survey," participants were asked to answer four questions, including, "What is the single most important thing that can be done to improve the Valley's transportation system?" and, "If it was your job to decide how to distribute our tax dollars on transportation improvements, and you had a total of \$100 of tax money to distribute, how would you distribute it among the following four areas? Freeways, Bus Service Improvements, Light Rail Transit, Street and Road Improvements." The remaining questions had to do with awareness of the expiration of the half-cent sales tax and the perceived impact of Proposition 300. A list of the events where the Four-Question Survey was distributed is attached. Detailed survey results may be found in the attached executive summary entitled, "The Regional Transportation Plan Input Opportunity Report -- Interim Report."

#### December Poll Comparison.

In December 2002, the Behavior Research Center, working on behalf of the Transportation Policy Committee, conducted a poll of 1,009 Maricopa County voters to obtain information about transportation issues and concerns. Results of the public involvement surveys will be compared against the results of the December poll.



## Events Where the Four-Question Survey Was Distributed

|  |                          |
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| Red Mountain Freeway Opening                                       | January 11, 2003         |
| Black History Event Peoria   | February 1, 2003         |
| Tempe Rotary   | February 4, 2003         |
| Black History Event Phoenix  | February 8, 2003         |
| MAG at the Mall Metrocenter  | March 1, 2003            |
| Glendale Latino Institute  | February 22, 2003        |
| Town Hall  | March 28, 2003           |
| Sunday On Central  | April 13, 2003           |
| Phoenix Latino Institute PV Community Center                       | February 8, 2003         |
| Chicanos Por La Causa Cesar Chavez Festival                        | March 23, 2003           |
| Business Expo Civic Plaza  | February 6, 2003         |
| Cinco de Mayo Festival in Downtown Phoenix                         | May 3, 4, 2003           |
| Papago Area Transportation Coordinators Association Alliance       | May 7, 2003              |
| NW Valley Transportation Coordinators                              | May 21, 2003             |
| Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce                               | May 13, 2003             |
| Go Glendale Transportation Open Houses                             | May 15, 21, and 22, 2003 |
| MAG at the Mall Arrowhead  | May 17, 2003             |
| SR 51 Freeway Opening Bell Road to the 101                         | May 24, 2003             |
| MAG at the Mall Chandler Fashion Square                            | May 31, 2003             |
| MAG at the Mall Spectrum Mall                                      | June 7, 2003             |
| Northeast Valley Transportation Coordinators Alliance              | June 10, 2003            |
| Sky Harbor/Phoenix Industrial Transportation Coordinators Alliance | June 11, 2003            |